

DMD meeting notes

ITAB report highlights

ITAB meeting was held July 28, 2004. The FY05 Internet CAP was presented.

A draft privacy statement was circulated to ITAB members. DMD input has been included; ITAB hopes to approve this template next month.

Gerry Wethington reviewed the feedback responses from the statewide IT meetings. He said he planned to hold another round of meetings, and possibly make them a twice-yearly event.

Gerry also said that he is preparing an e-government appropriation request. Included in the proposal is funding for a search engine; some hardware and software redundancies; consulting services to move to a "true portal"; services that could extend to localities who wish to have a Web presence; a CRM system. The Senate Appropriations Committee staff have requested a meeting to discuss some of the proposals.

Hannah Mao and Ron Thomas are preparing the e-gov report card for next ITAB meeting.

Gerry said he is planning to meet with Google. (During the DMD meeting, Ron noted that this has been tasked to him.)

The community calendar RFP is in progress.

Jill Hansen reported on the email consolidation project. The operations staff in OA/DIS have completed bootcamp, learning active directory. A new committee is meeting weekly to help plan the implementation.

Kevin Lanahan reported that the **Web standards and guidelines revision** continues. He plans to post the draft of the first three chapters of the revision on the DMD Website so that members can review and comment. Send comments to Kevin.

Jason Stirnaman reported that progress has been slow, but steady on the **digital archiving project**. He will send information to the listserv as soon as he receives it.

Kevin distributed early results from the DMD mo-web **Web survey**. As he receives more responses, he will update and distribute the survey findings.

Agency projects and open discussion

Keith Townsend reported that the new DED Intranet had been launched.

Cory Fischer noted that the new job site, GreatHires.org had also gone live. The contractor on this project was Rose International.

Lainie Strange related her recent email exchange with a WebAIM participant, in which she asked the differences between screen readers and voice browsers. Her email correspondent strongly recommended against using a voice browser to review pages, saying that the additional features in a screen reader are essential for proper understanding of accessibility. Lainie did note that the demo version of Jaws runs for only 40 minutes, but is “refreshable” by restarting your computer.

Keith asked whether Web standards are mandated. Kevin noted only the accessibility portion of the guidelines is a mandate (under Sec. 508 and Chapter 191, RSMo). Ron also reported that Gerry Wethington would like to address standards and issue a directive of some type.

Renee Reuter asked about how banner placement is determined on the State Home Page. For example, why was there no direct link to election night returns on Election Day? The group discussed the approval process for placing the special banners, and agreed that under the current arrangement, the owner of the featured content must determine and request the placement. There is no procedure in place that allows the OA webmaster to move timely items to the top without a request to do so.

Steve Owens noted that an upgrade to Apache was to be scheduled for Services.

We plan to have the Missouri Assistive Technology Council come in October to demonstrate a screen reader.